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Attention Public Librarians: To expedite publication of the 1989 Montana Library Directory, the Montana State Library will issue the Directory and the Montana Public Library Statistics as two separate publications. The statistical report forms will be sent to public libraries as soon after the end of the fiscal year (June 30) as possible and deadline for their return to the state library will be September 30. The 1989 Directory will be distributed in November. 1988 Montana Library Directories are available. Libraries interested in receiving a directory should contact Robert Bayuk at the State Library.

A new special interest group, Bookmobile Service in Montana, will meet during the Montana Library Association conference in Helena on Saturday, April 30th from 10 to noon. The meeting will be open to anyone interested in bookmobile service. For details contact Gloria Langstaff, Missoula Public Library, 721-2665.

Puppet Round-Up '88, the northwest regional puppet festival of the Puppeteers of America, will be held October 6-9 in Kalispell. One academic credit for graduate or for undergraduate study is available through the University of Montana. Students will attend nine hours of workshops and five performances at the festival. For complete information, contact Sherry Johns, Director, Puppet Round-Up, 216 N. Riding Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901.

The dates and locations for Project Excellence public hearings have been set. The goal of Project Excellence is to design educational standards for Montana's schools for the next century. All meetings will be held from 7 to 10 P.M.. Hearing dates and places are as follows: May 16th at the Flathead County High School auditorium in Kalispell, May 17th at the Lewis & Clark H.S. gym in Missoula, May 18th at the Butte H.S auditorium, May 19 at the Billings West H.S. Auditorium, May 20th at the Custer County H.S. auditorium in Miles City, May 24th at the West Elementary School auditorium in Great Falls and May 25th at the Wolf Point H.S. auditorium. in Great Falls and May 25 in Wolf Point. Persons interested in attending should contact their district superintendents.

The following state library staff and divisions within the state library can now be dialed directly: Administration 444-3115 Information Resources- Reference/Information-444-3004 Darlene Staffeldt (Supervisor) 444-5381 Circulation-444-3016 Interlibrary Loans-444-5377 Lasercat-444-3005 Fax machine-444-5612 Ready Reference-1-800-388-5087

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Montana State Library now has access to ALANET, the electronic mail and information service of the American Library Association. One of the features which may be of interest to the library community in Montana is the ALANET Grapevine, featuring up to date information about job openings throughout the United States. Persons interested in Grapevine should contact Robert Bayuk at the State Library.

The State Librarian has been informed by Commissioner of Higher Education, Carol Krause, that the General Library Use Fee, a proposal that university libraries be permitted to charge fees for library cards issued to the public and to businesses, will not be on the action agenda of the Board of Regents meeting May 5th & 6th in Havre. Commissioner Krause states in an April 14th memo, " The fact that action on this fee is being deferred does not mean the serious financial problem in our libraries has disappeared. We solicit support both for the six mill levy and improved funding of the University System....

The Montana State Library Commission will meet April 30th in Helena. Topics on the agenda include a report from the Advisory Council on 1988 LSCA grants and on the status of 1989 LSCA grant project proposals. There will also be a report of the Law Revision committee and a report from attenders of ALA legislative day in Washington. The meeting will be in the Judicial room of the Colonial Inn from 2 to 5 P.M..

Upcoming federation meetings include the Pathfinder meeting in Havre on May 21st and the Golden Plains meeting in Wolf Point on May 4th. Anyone who would like to publicize library-related meetings in the Update or in the Montana State Library News should contact Sallie Fenning at the State Library.

The statewide public relations campaign, Mindflight, has received a John Cotton Dana Award given yearly by the H.W. Wilson Company for "an exceptional library public relations effort."

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